

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
April 1, 2013

I. ROLL CALL & ORDERING OF AGENDA

President Mike Buytendyk called the regular meeting of Wooster City Council to order at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers. The following members were present: Mark Cavin, Barbara Knapic, Craig Sanders, David Silvestri, Jeff Steiner, and Jon Ulbright. Jon Ansel was absent.

City Administration present: Mayor Bob Breneman, Director of Administration Joel Montgomery, Finance Director Andrei Dordea, and Law Director Dick Benson.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Steiner moved, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to approve the March 18, 2013 meeting minutes. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR/ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Breneman informed city council that the Westerman company was granted a tax credit by the Ohio Tax Credit Authority and is poised to create 120 new, mostly welding-type, jobs in the city of Wooster over the next three years.

Mr. Breneman also reminded council and viewers that early voting starts on Tuesday, April 2 and encouraged voters to support the income tax levy.

Mr. Breneman also noted that the piece of legislation on new business will authorize the purchase of the former Layton Elementary School. This site will be used as the future site of a new water tower. The construction of that tower is not planned to take place for another eight to ten years.

IV. PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC

The following member of the audience spoke: Mr. David Griffith, 411 N. Buckeye Street. (Thank you message for the mayor and council)

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS; PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mr. Sanders announced that the Public Utilities Committee would hold a meeting on Monday, May 6, 2013 at 6:30p.m. in council chambers.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Third Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2013-11 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 160, BIDDING PROCEDURES AND CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WOOSTER, OHIO, BY INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF THE LIMIT FOR COMPETITIVE BIDDING (Knapic)

Ms Knapic stated that this legislation will increase the limit for competitive bidding from \$25,000 to \$50,000 and is consistent with State competitive bidding. Ms. Knapic also reiterated that this legislation would save the city time and money in awarding contracts and that any major purchases would still come before council for approval and be part of the budget process.

Ms. Knapic moved, seconded by Mr. Silvestri, to adopt. Upon roll call, motion to adopt passed with a vote of 4-2 (Cavin-no; Knapic-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; Steiner-yes and Ulbright-no).

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. First Reading – ORDINANCE NO. 2013-15 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Sanders)

Mr. Sanders stated that this purchase would allow the city to obtain a needed location for the future construction of a water storage tank. Mr. Ulbright stated that this was an opportunity to plan ahead for the future needs of the city. He added that though funds are tight, that the cost of not purchasing this property would be much greater. Mr. Buytendyk noted that the funds for this purchase are not coming out of the general fund with income tax dollars, but would be coming from the water fund. Mr. Buytendyk also stated this legislation will eventually lead to the Winter Street water tower to be removed from the hospital property, and will make the landing area for LifeFlight helicopters safer. Mr. Ulbright added that the city’s Engineering Division has put a lot of time and effort into researching and planning for the best location for a water tower in the Intermediate Zone of the city, and that this location choice was carefully considered. Mr. Ulbright also explained that this is a way to use the money that residents pay for their water bills in a way they will benefit.

Mr. Sanders moved, seconded by Mr. Ulbright, to suspend the rules and place on third and final reading. Upon roll call, motion carried unanimously (Cavin-yes; Knapic-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; Steiner-yes and Ulbright-yes).

Mr. Sanders moved, seconded by Mr. Silvestri, to adopt. Upon roll call, motion to adopt carried unanimously (Cavin-yes; Knapic-yes; Sanders-yes; Silvestri-yes; Steiner-yes and Ulbright-yes).

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Sanders clarified that the Public Utilities meeting will take place on May 6, 2013 at 6:30p.m. in council chambers and not April 6th as was previously stated.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ulbright moved, seconded by Mr. Silvestri, to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting so adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Michael G. Buytendyk
President of Council

Amy M. Hamilton
Clerk of Council